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Spring Striders on Giddy Edge – photo Spike Johnston

Editorial

In here are the list of Wednesday evening outdoor climbing venues for May and June. Climbing, bouldering and walking days in the Peak plus a Lake District meet to a splendid hut in the Duddon Valley with stunning walking and climbing close by and a Yorkshire Dales weekend.

Meet write-ups include the Spring Stride, and other local walks, photos from the New Members meet and exciting times at Malham Cove.

Also in here news of local climber Jon Shields who has been selected as a para climbing member of Team GB and hopes for a bit of support to achieve his objectives for the year.

Oh yes, the draft minutes of this year's Annual General Meeting are here for your delectation on page 21.

Copy Deadline 20 May

Meets List 2023 Michael Moss

There are still some meets that will depend on members volunteering to lead them. Is nobody going to the Alps this year? If you are – just share your plans - it doesn't mean you have to take responsibility for people, just provide a focus. Same goes for hut meets, Peak day meets, Spring and August bank holidays, or anything else that you are keen to do. I would very much like to hear from you.

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May	1st	May BH camping	Cornwall	Michael Hayes
	10th	Wednesday walk	Winster	Jan Wilson
	13th	Alpine training, Nigel Berry	Black Rocks, Cromford	contact M Moss to book
	13/14th	Peak climbing day meets	Stanage	Dave Mason
	18th	Thursday short walk	Brassington	Christine Paice
	20th	Gritstone trail stage 5		Stuart Firth
	20th May to 4th June	Scotland stacks, pinnacles and other classics	West coast Scotland	Michael Moss
	29th	Spring BH		
	3 rd	Peak Climbing day meets	Horseshoe Quarry	Dave Mason
June	7th	Wednesday walk		John Gwyther
	9th - 10th	High Moss hut, Rucksack club	Duddon valley, Lakes	Chris Radcliffe
	15th	Thursday short walk		Ruth Gordon
	17/18	Weekend climbing and walking, Yorkshire Rambler	Clapham, Yorkshire Dales	Peter Amour
	23rd-25th	BBQ Tan yr Wyddfa	N Wales	Tony Howard
		???	Alpine meet	
July	1/2nd or 8/9th	Peak climbing day meets	Peak district	Meet leader needed
	5th	Wednesday walk		Rusty Clive Russell
	15/16	Weekend walk		Nigel Briggs
	20th	Thursday short walk		Ruth Gordon
	25th to 27th	Tan Yr Wyddfa working party		Dave Snod Helliwell
	28/29th	Welsh hut meet Tan Yr Wyddfa		Dave Snod Helliwell
Aug	2nd	Wednesday walk		Jan Wilson
	4th-5th	Weardale, walking and mountain biking		Pip Leach and Pete Masters
	12th/13th	Peak climbing day meets	Peak district	Ed Bloomfield
	17th	Thursday short walk		Ruth Gordon
	19th	Weekend walk		Louise Amandini
	26th-28th	BH		Meet leader needed
Sept	1st/2nd	Low House MAM hut, Coniston	Lakes	
	6th	Wednesday walk	Kinder	John Green
	9th/10th	Peak climbing day meets/BARMY comp?	Peak district	Meet leader needed
	16 th	Weekend walk		Richard Linney
	21st	Thursday short walk		Ruth Gordon
	23rd/24th	BARMY comp?	Peak district	

Oct	4th	Wednesday walk		Charlie Taylor
	6/7th	Fylde hut Little Langdale	Fylde MC hut swap	Dave Snod Helliwell
	11th	Winter wall Wednesdays		
	14th-22nd???	Mediterranean sport climbing	Sardinia, TBC	Meet leader needed
	19th	Thursday short walk		Ruth Gordon
	21st	Gritstone trail stage 6 - finale		Stuart Firth
	27/28	Curry meet, Tan yr Wyddfa	N Wales	Tony Howard
	30	Start Monday evening indoor meets	Climbing unit, Derby	
Nov	1st	Wednesday walk		Rusty - Clive Russell
	4th	Bonfire night	Heathy Lea, Chatsworth	
	8th	Winter wall Wednesdays		
	16th	Thursday short walk		Ruth Gordon
	18th	Annual dinner		
	18/19	Joint FRCC/Oread MC Dry-tooling Meet	Rawhead Barn, Langdale	Neil McAllister & A N Oread
	18th	Weekend walk		John Gwyther
	19th	Post prandial walk		
Dec	6th	Wednesday walk		Charlie Taylor
	6th	Winter wall wednesdays		
	9th to 11th	Bull Stones		
	13th	Black rocks evening meet and pub social	Cromford	
	16/17	Dry tooling Masson Lees		
	16th	Weekend walk		Steve Booth
	21st	Thursday short walk		Ruth Gordon
	24-1 Jan	Christmas and New Year hut meet	Tan Yr Wyddfa	

Wednesday evening climbing venues.

This year we will choose a venue in advance - it can still be changed if the weather is unsuitable but at least there will be a starting point for discussion.

- 3 May Those not away will decide a venue via the io group.
- 10 May **Birchens** then the Wheatsheaf, Baslow.
- 17 May **Froggatt** then The Grouse.
- 24 May **Stanage** then The Grouse.
- 31 May **The Roaches** then The Rock.
- 7 June **Willersley** then The Boat
- 14 June **Harpur Hill** then the Church Inn, Chelmorton.
- 21 June **Castle Naze** then The Beehive, Combs.
- 28 June **Stoney Middleton** then the Derwentwater Arms, Calver.

Wednesday 10 May Winster Walk Jan Wilson

We will meet in Winster at the top end using the free car park near to the Miners' Standard (SK2387 6025). Our route will take us via Elton over to Youlgreave where I hope to get refreshments at the bakery. We will head down river to Alport then climb up to Robin Hood's Stride and on across to Birchover, returning to Winster via Uppertown. The route is 10.9 miles with just over 1000ft of ascent.

Jan Wilson email: jan.lumsdale@gmail.com tel. 07769 186041

13 May Alpine Skills Training

Nigel Berry has again generously agreed to offer some training to Oread members. These will be one day sessions on skills for Alpine mountaineering, the day will include moving together, short pitching and crevasse rescue. The venue will be at Black Rocks, Cromford, making great use of the gullies and crevices there.

Nigel can take 4 to 6 people in a session. Two pairs of three with people who know already how to belay etc.

The cost will be £10 per person to contribute to Nigel's expenses.

If you are free and keen to get this training please let me know by email or text. **If you have expressed interest but not yet sent your £10.00 to Janet please do so or your place may go to someone else.**

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14 May – Stanage Plantation Bouldering Dave Mason

The Oread can be found climbing at Stanage very regularly however there has not been a bouldering meet there in quite some time. Plantation area has a pretty short walk in and a wide variety of climbing grades to suit beginners all the way up to our bouldering aficionado Lance. Feel free to join at any point during the day but I will be aiming to get to the carpark around 10am. I will have two pads with me but the more pads the better!

Dave Mason email dmason1992@hotmail.com tel. 07728 429824

18 May Short Walk Brassington Christine Paice

The start point is the picnic area, Wirksworth Dale, Brassington, map reference 235 548. From here we walk through Brassington and take the footpath leading to the Limestone Way. We cross the Limestone Way taking a footpath to the road. We then pick up a footpath in the direction of Pinders Rock, turning on a track before Hoe Grange. This takes us to the High Peak trail which offers level walking, past Longcliffe, onto the foot of

Harbro rocks. Crossing Manystones Lane and over the meadows to our start point. Approximately 5.5 miles but various opportunities to shorten if needed, indeed it can also be lengthened! A few stiles but they are all in good condition. A steady, relatively easy walk giving opportunity for much talking.

Very little amenities, well none! Water and food advised.

Christine Paice email:walking.paice@hotmail.co.uk Tel. 07773 045838

Saturday 20 May 2023 Gritstone Trail 5 Stuart Firth

Meet at Lamaload Reservoir car park at 10:15 for a 10:30 departure. Bring Picnic.

OS Map 24 GR 977 754 (aka W3W conspired.reframe.royal)

This is a circular walk partly on the Gritstone Trail and links with our previous stage. It goes something like this:

Lamaload Reservoir, Works, Wells, MS, Rainow, Tower Hill, Kerridge Hill, White Nancy, Bollington (possible refreshment at either The Green Bollington or Café Waterside but bring picnic), Sowcar, Berristall Dale, Brink Farm, Pt 407, Further Harrop Farm, Harrop Fold Farm, Blue Boar Farm, Memorial Stone*, Lamaload Reservoir.

“HERE JOHN TURNER WAS CAST AWAY IN A HEAVY SNOW STORM IN THE NIGHT IN OR ABOUT THE YEAR 1755”. And on the other side “THE PRINT OF A WOMANS (sic) SHOE WAS FOUND BY HIS SIDE WERE (sic) HE LAY DEAD”.

I am, of course, hoping for better weather and fewer dead bodies. Please join me for this penultimate stage of the Gritstone Trail.

Please let me know if you would like to join us on this walk and/or would like to lift share.

Stuart Firth: email stuartmfirth@btinternet.com tel. 07977 458048

20 May – 4 June Scottish west coast stacks, pinnacles and classics meet Michael Moss

Arrangements are:

Glenbrittle, Skye - Sat. 20th May leaving Sat. 27th May

Clachtoll beach campsite - Sat. 27th May leaving Sat. 3rd June

Please book for Clachtoll as soon as possible, it's on the north coast 500 route so is popular. They don't have serviced pitches for the full week. I've booked at Clachtoll for part of the week with electricity and and part of the week without. When you book do put in the online booking form comments that you are part of the Oread, they ask that people who are coming in a group say so in their booking.

At Glenbrittle booking is not needed.

If you are coming and have let me know already, thanks. If you haven't let me know please do so, it will help with transport.

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26 -29 May Spring Bank Holiday!

If you are not going on the Scottish meet what shall we do??? If you have an idea and want some company then let's be in touch on the io group and Facebook.

3 June – Horseshoe Quarry sport climbing Dave Mason

Horseshoe Quarry may not be the most scenic of climbing venues but it is perfect for those looking to get started leading and cleaning sport routes due to a ground level anchor setup for practice ropework. If you are a bit rusty with your sport climbing skills and want some help or you want to get your first lead head on down. I plan on arriving at 10 am and am happy to spend the day supporting newer climbers.

Dave Mason email dmason1992@hotmail.com tel. 07728 429824

Wednesday 7 June Edale area Walk John Gwyther

Meet at the car park between Barber Booth and Upper Booth SK107 847 for a 10.00 am departure. There isn't much space so please endeavour to car share -but it's free.

Jacob's Ladder - South Head - rough track to A625 - Chapel Gate 15.6Km 700m+ 4h30.

There are four stiles, not much mud and please bring refreshments. If you're coming please let me know.

John Gwyther tel. 07931 630974

9 -11 June. High Moss Hut, Seathwaite, Duddon Valley. Chris Radcliffe

We have booked this excellent hut (Rucksack Club) in the southern Lake District for early June when the weather has a good chance of being magnificent with plenty of daylight to climb on some high crags.

High Moss is situated in the Duddon Valley in the south western Lakes at the foot of the Walna Scar track to Coniston. It is well off the road and access is via a good track...but there is no phone signal!



Hut facilities include:

- Well-equipped kitchen.
- Large dining room and lounge both with coal fires.
- 24 bunks in 5 dormitories.
- Toilets, showers and wash-basins.
- Bike store
- Parking for about 10 cars.
- Dogs not allowed in the hut

High Moss is at Grid Reference SD237967 The Postal Address is HIGH MOSS. SEATHWAITE. BROUGHTON IN FURNESS. CUMBRIA. LA20 6EE To reach the hut drive through Seathwaite and approximately 600 yards after the Newfield Inn turn right at a signpost for Turner Hall Farm. In 100 yards a junction is reached. The main track to the right goes to Turner Hall Farmyard. Continue straight on through the gate. After some 100 yards the track swings right into an area that is used by the farm for parking of farm equipment and storage. The route to HIGH MOSS is to the left through a farm gate and across the field. A second gate is passed and High Moss is at the end of the track.

The best approach from the south is the signed route to the South Lakes on the A590 to Greenodd. At the island take the A5092 to Grizebeck and continue on the A595 through Foxfield. Just before Duddon Bridge, at traffic lights, turn off onto the fell road up Dunnerdale which leads to Ulpha and then Seathwaite.

The location of this hut is in a great area of the Lake District for climbing, walking and mountain biking. The local crag is Wallowbarrow, but the

Walna Scar track leads to Dow Crag and Coniston Old Man. Other possibilities include driving over Ulpha Fell to Eskdale and walking up Moasdale to access Esk Buttress or even Scafell East Buttress (I've done this in the past, but it's a tough walk in). For walkers, apart from accessing the Coniston Fells along the Walna Scar track, Harter Fell and Ulpha Fell are easily reached through Dunnerdale forest. I hope we can get a good group for this meet. Let me know if you are interested.

Chris Radcliffe email: chris@farfields.co.uk Tel. 07770 883259

17 -18 June Yorkshire Dales Peter Amour

For :- Climbers and Hillwalkers.

Where :- Lowstern Hut, Clapham, near Settle'

Bedspaces :- 10 only. If you want one **book early**.

A superb purpose built hut in its own grounds with facilities for all outdoors sport including caving if that's your preference.

Climbers:- Sport climbing - Trow Gill and Robin Proctor's Scar within walking distance. A short drive away to Giggleswick North and South and only a little further to Malham and Gordale.

Trad climbing a short drive away at Twistleton Scar and Attermire Scar. Plus many other crags in the area. An excellent climbing area with plenty to go at on fine Yorkshire Limestone. There is also a "Classic Rock' grit climb on the top of Pen y Ghent if you fancy a walk as well as a climb!

Hillwalkers:- Loads. More than you can shake a stick at! Pen Y Ghent, Whernside, Ingleborough, Crummackdale, Moughton Scar, Ingleton Falls. Lots of others of higher and lower elevations.

If you want to guarantee a place in this special area contact me on:- peter@amour02.force9.co.uk I look forward to seeing you.

Members Corner

Re last month's photo of Derrick Burgess - the Egyptian sand dancer - his companion was, of course, Ron Chambers not Ron Sant.

The mistake was entirely the fault of your Hon. Ed. who misread Roger's email. Stuart Firth accosted me in the swimming pool the very next morning to point out the error and a day later Ron Sant wrote:

"I was taken aback when I read that it was Derrick Burgess's 90th Birthday this month – many congratulations to him.

The photo that accompanied the article was allegedly of Burg and myself. I think you'll find that the other person involved was the other half of 'The



Two Ronnies' - Ron Chambers". So to make amends here is the real Ron Sant with Roger Larkam, Jan Wilson, Derrick Burgess (stroke), plus cox: Ian March (not Oread), Derby Rowing Club.

News, Articles and Reports from Meets

Spring Stride 2023 Jan Wilson

It was a delight to see such a large and varied meeting of Oreads for the Spring Stride on the 26th March including both old and new members, as well as fit, bionic and questionable specimens. Our route took us above High Tor where an inspection of the ground provided an opportunity for some grand reminiscences of past ascents/ descents and mishaps (including missing closing time at the pub). Most folk took the Giddy Edge and proceeded, hopping over the fence, to descend the chasms down toward the Starkholmes path. It was "good" to see some bolted opportunities hidden away in the old workings.



Having led the keen along an airy Giddy Edge Jan takes the enthusiastic ones down through the old lead mines. Photo Peter Amour.

We then ascended through the village up to the edge footpath over to Hearthstone Farm and on across the top to descend out of Bow Wood into Lea. Nobody took the short cut option directly to Lea after dire warnings of submerged stepping stones down in the valley. The drink stop at the newly restored Aqueduct Cottage provided a convenient rendezvous for more Oreads with a surprisingly prompt arrival of Mr Lateness(Snod) himself.

Suitably fed and watered we then took the tow path for a short distance to ascend the steep deer park path to Holloway where we tried to scrounge 25 coffees at the O'Reilly residence. From here we cut diagonally across and up to Lea Gardens and through to the Jug and Glass. Again an opportunity to rendezvous with yet more Oreads who arrived by other routes or transport options. The poor guy at the pub had been warned of around fifteen thirsty walkers so was a little shocked when 30 turned up.

After suitable refreshments we headed out (some decided the beer was too good so stayed in the pub) via the lovely old Dethick church footpath and up across to Ribber Castle. The day's drama ensued with a bionic faller at the Ribber stiles. After some epic groaning he made it to the village and a lift to the finish. The rest of the party proceeded down to the start having enjoyed a good walk in pleasant weather with super company. A quintessentially Oread Spring Stride, long may they continue.

New Members Meet 2-3 April Chris Ashworth



The weather turned up trumps for the weekend and Stanage was at its sunny best. A good turn out for the meet and much fun had by all.

Thanks to Chris Ashworth and Micael Rittig for the photos. Lots more on Facebook.



Ogston Reservoir walk 5 April Gill Radcliffe

On the wettest day of the week a group of stalwart Oreads battled stiles and weather to complete a seven miles walk from Ogston Reservoir. Thanks to all who came along and supported my walk; I hope to lead the longer version in better weather at some future date. Well done to Pippa, John and Frederique who added in some extra miles by starting and ending the walk from Pippa's house.



Dimmingsdale Circuit Saturday 15 April Peter Amour

Concerns about parking spaces at the Ramblers Retreat car park were unfounded, despite it be a Saturday and being Easter holidays for school kids. Twelve members of long and not so long standing departed the car park and headed through Threap Wood and onto to the hamlet of Old Furnace, the latter being the focus of a Time Team archeological dig. En-route the meet leader brought up the subject of ticks, and that he'd recently fed one. His companions showed little sympathy, and were more interested about whether it had been gorging on his private parts.



Nick Evans showing he can multi-task by yawning and walking while on the way to Old Furnace.

Changing the subject the leader had them continue over to Hawks Moor, and dropping into the Churnet Valley and grabbed a lunch stop by the end of the local private railway. Departing the valley bottom we passed through Whiston and out onto the village golf course with its landmark gritstone rock, which looked quite out of place on the green. Changing from an easterly to a southerly course the Staffordshire Moorlands Way was used to give a steep crossing of the narrow valley at Star Wood.

The remainder of the walk saw the team cover part of the lands owned by Anthony Bamford (Lord JCB), where it's claimed his staff robustly guide any strayers back to their right of way. The final stages saw us descend the lush park land at Farley and to the car park after a boot washing session in the oddly named Barbary Gutter.

Thanks for the good company to Linda, Jan, Marie, Stuart, Sue, Nick, Steve, John, Frederique and John, and Louise.

Short Walk Tansley 20 April Ruth Gordon

A glorious Spring day, though the wind was boisterous and chill. We set off from Tansley towards Ashover, to exercise Chris W's new knee and Chris R's new hip plus all the other un-treated aches and pains in the rest of the party. Gaining height we paused to take in the views and Chris R's latest attempt at a selfie.



Further on he identified a sunny and sheltered spot where we could hunker down for a coffee stop. He was not the first to identify the cosy corner – a fine brown lizard was basking there till we disturbed him. On to Holestonegate farm, spotting tortoiseshell and peacock butterflies en route. Lunch in the beech woods above Turning Stone edge and back via Old Engine farm, Packhorse Farm and lanes to Tansley. A day when it feels good to be alive, all the hens, ducks and guinea fowl out enjoying the open fields again; spring flowers, wild birds, bees, lambs. At the end of the day the five distance tracking devices in the party all gave different recordings – but it was more than five miles, less than six and quite far enough for the new hip and knee!

A Vicennial on Consenting Roger Gibbs



I'd got a weekend pass out but wasn't quite sure what to do with it. D had floated a Scottish Winter trip but the conditions looked rubbish – 13 degrees and rain in Fort William – it was forecast to be colder in Malham! Eventually I teed N up. He was thinking Scotland too originally, but then he saw the forecast. N wasn't psyched for two days at Malham, so it ended up as a day hit. N had had a bit of a beery session on Saturday night. That was ideal as it brought his energy levels down to mine! There was some dry rock when I trotted up the road for a pitch inspection, but plenty of wet rock too. By the time we both arrived at the crag, there were already teams on 50% of the dry rock (Consenting Adults and Free and Even Easier).

N clipped up Rated PG, but the bottom was wet. We grabbed our chance and I had a quick top rope run on Consenting Adults, F7a, using the in situ rope and draws. It didn't seem to have got any easier. The options seemed to be trusting rubbish slippery feet or pulling too hard on meh crimps with cold fingers. N dispatched it without too much effort. The team that were working it had declared a coffee break so I had a go on the sharp end. The route is only 12m long so it's pretty short and sharp (and polished). Good crimp for the right hand and step up to a positive left hand layaway. Step high and reach for buckets at the bottom of a left leading flake line. The bolting has been sorted now, years ago it was more than possible to kick your belayer in the head if you fell off clipping bolt three. At the top of the flake, there is a tricky step left to a small horn, right hand into a gaston

in front of your face and bump the left to a good crimp (it's possible to pinch with the thumb under the base of the block). Right foot high and bump to over the top of the "football" to positive holds. A stretch to jugs slightly left. A positive side pull on the right side of the jugs and build the feet to latch a small square topped block. The pump is pressing a bit so don't dither. Feet up, a small crimp for the left hand and up to the crucial pinch in crozzly almost tufa. Step high and grab the huge undercut. One more easy move and clip the chains.

On my first redpoint run I was inefficient on the move left from the top of the flake line and I was feeling a bit powered out by the time I got to the pinch move up to the big undercut.

"I bet that's going to feel rubbish," I told myself. It did. I jabbed my foot high and flapped in the general direction of the undercut. I missed. I was off, avoiding clattering into the guy in Free and Even Easier next door by not much. He didn't look too concerned. I sussed a less powerful way of doing that top move off the pinch. I didn't need to go that high with my feet and I found a good small triangular foothold which would get me into the undercut.

N did Free and Even Easier and we had a break. The team working Consenting were on another break and the catwalk was starting to get a bit crowded. It's not the lycra clad Adonis's crammed together in the pictures from the eighties but there's some tops off for power. My shirt is staying on. This is my chance, don't muff it. The move left felt more solid and the bump to the good holds at the back of the football flowed. There was no faffing to latch the tiny square cut block. I could feel a bit of fatigue, but not too bad. The pinch was solid. Shit, I can't see the good small triangular foot hold. Just go. I jabbed my right foot up high and lunged. Left into the undercut no bother and a shuffle right to clip the chains. Sorted. I'm lowered to congratulations and perhaps a tiny bit of envy from the lad still working it. Later I checked the old guide – I'd tried this before way back in 2002 (and failed to seal the deal I'm pretty sure). Over twenty years ago. I suppose that makes it ok that I couldn't remember the moves.

The hot sun had dried out several other routes now and we did a couple more in varying styles: good (N) and not so good (me). I was tired and N suggested calling it a day. Packing up, we watched a guy have the last of several runs on Raindogs, F8a, not quite mustering the beans for the full-blooded throw for the chains. For the finest F8a in the country (or most popular anyway) it wasn't particularly impressive, but the various extensions certainly are. We had a couple of very nice pints in the Listers in the sunshine and headed for home. Sweet.

Crowdfunding campaign – to support local Team GB para climbing member Jon Shields

The Derwent Mountaineering Club is promoting a *crowdfunding campaign* to help fund DMC member, Jon Shields, compete for Britain in international and national para climbing competitions during 2023. After winning his amputee category in a competition last year Jon was invited to join Team GB and hence given the opportunity to compete internationally.

Jon's Story

Jon was a passionate and accomplished climber until his life turned upside down with a climbing accident in January 2019 which resulted in him losing his left leg. After the amputation he was wheelchair bound for seven months before receiving a prosthetic leg and physiotherapy to learn to walk again.

However, even before learning to walk, he was attempting to climb again albeit one-legged and straight from his wheelchair! Jon says "Climbing is my therapy, it has got me through this life changing event". He now climbs regularly with a prosthetic suitable for climbing and somewhat remarkably he has slowly re-learned to climb such that his climbing level is approaching that of his pre-accident days. In 2021 he climbed the Old Man of Hoy and last summer Tre Cime in the Dolomites (via Yellow Edge). He has entered para climbing competitions and last November won his amputee category at a national competition at Awesome Walls Stockport. This in turn resulted in him being invited to join the GB Para-Climbing Team and the opportunity to represent GB in international para climbing competitions.

In addition to climbing, Jon is a volunteer at a children's outdoor activity centre (Duke's Barn, Derbyshire) and is a passionate believer in learning through adventure. Jon has qualified as an outdoor instructor and works with Derby Hospital amputee centre supporting other amputees in climbing and other outdoor activities.

Whilst Team GB are incredibly supportive their budgets are very limited. They fund the entrance fees, international license and coaching but not the travel and accommodation costs which of course can be quite significant. The national competitions are usually over two days and the international competitions require a minimum four day trip. There are three international events Jon hopes to compete in: the World Cup (May) in Innsbruck and then Villars and the bi-annual World Championship in Bern (August) together with three national competitions.

Crowdfunding as the name implies is an attempt to get financial support through large numbers of small voluntary donations. They are using an organization called 'Just Giving' which is used by many charities and other organisations.

How can I help?

There are three ways you can support Jon:

- Make a donation to Jon's Just Giving crowdfund (these can be anonymous if you wish);
- Send a message of support via the crowdfunding page);
- Forward this crowdfunding campaign and link to any of your friendship circles or contacts who might be interested (there are links on the crowdfunding page to facebook, instagram, whatsapp and an email link).

Link to crowdfunding page

The link to Jon's Just Giving crowdfunding page is:

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/jon-shields?utm_id=2&utm_term=v77k482p4

Hut Bookings.

Both our Welsh and Derbyshire hut bookings have now moved online at the Oread website www.oread.co.uk.

The new system allows you to see up to date bed availability details and make your own bookings.

Please remember to sign in as members first before making your bookings as you get access to the Oread beds and rates and you don't have to enter lots of details required for external bookings.

All queries and outstanding payments should be addressed to Michael Hayes, the Hut Bookings Secretary: 179 Starkholmes Rd. Starkholmes, Matlock DE4 5JA Mobile 07771 700913. Email:

michaelhayes6688@gmail.com

Our preferred method of payment is via bank transfer to our Lloyds account – Sort Code 30-98-97 Account number 62584068. Please use the 'Reference' box to say what the payment is for. **In particular please say which hut, ie Hut fees HL, or Hut fees TyW.** Your name is not necessary in the reference, unless it is different from the bank account name.

Alternatively you can post a cheque, payable to Oread M.C. to the above address.

Information on Member Activities

Welcome to new full members Louise Amandini, Edward Bloomfield, Steve Booth, Christine Paice, and Michael Rittig. We hope you will enjoy many happy days with the Oread.

An application for full membership has been received from Marie Cowie. If you would like to comment on this application please contact a member of the committee.

Rusty's Puzzle Corner

This month's puzzle:

What is the link between two rock climbing first ascensionists in the 1940s and 1950s, one a Derby based Stonnis member with links with the Oread, the other a wartime commando?

Last month's puzzle solution:

March

The camping and motorbiking team on Skye was Ashcroft, Penlington and the late Brian Cooke. All three had motorbikes at one time or another, (at least two Bantams) but Brian was the one with the sidecar outfit, I think a side valve BSA 600. Nearly all the combos other than Panthers were BSA Norton or Ariel side valves.

April

Nobody guessed this correctly – not even the subjects of the admittedly fuzzy photo of two bivvying gnomes huddled in their luxury overnight accommodation among the rocks. Twas Messrs Wilson and Hopkinson on the Skye Ridge!

Oread Mountaineering Club
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting.
Saturday 25th March 2023
The Duke William, Matlock 7:30 pm

Present: Nigel Briggs (chair) Pippa Leach (secretary) Peter Amour, Jean Bingham, Paul Bingham, Janet Briggs, Stephen Christian, Wim Clarke, Stuart Firth, Paul Gardiner, Ruth Gordon, John Gresty, Helen Griffiths, Michael Hayes, Snod Helliwell, Colin Hobday, Richard Hopkinson, Tony Howard, Spike Johnston, Pete Lancaster, Roger Larkam, David Mason, Michael Moss, Alison Mowbray, Maggie Pape, Simon Pape, Derek Pike, Chris Radcliffe, Gill Radcliffe, Christine Renouf, Judith Scott, Peter Scott, Susan Todd, Rachel Walker, Brian West, Chis Wilson, Jan Wilson, Mike Wren.

All of the officer's reports were circulated in advance, and were not read out at the meeting. The membership were requested to submit questions in advance.

- **Apologies** were received from; Pete Kennington, Ali Kennington, Pam Storer, Tim Sellears, Robert Pettigrew MBE, Mike Rittig, Christine Paice, Jack Ashcroft, John Gwyther, Frederique Gwyther, Kaisa Sajdok, Louise Amandini, Clive Russell, Peter Masters, David Appleby, Kevin Sarsen, Margaret Sarsen, Roy Eyre
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- **Minutes of the 2022 AGM**
The minutes were accepted as an accurate record of the proceedings. Proposed by Brian West, seconded by Tony Howard.
- **Matters arising from those minutes**
none
- **President's Report** (see report already circulated)
Nigel B reiterated the remembrance of members, or former members who have passed away in the last year. Nigel reemphasised the fact that committee meeting minutes are now published on the website. Hybrid meetings were given consideration by a small group, looking into the matter, but it was deemed that difficulties would outweigh benefits. In order for everyone to participate in our AGM, for example, it would require a conference style venue, having wifi (expensive) and also voting would become much more complicated. Continuing with an in person AGM was advocated and passed by the committee.

Roger Larkam and Stuart Firth raised questions here, prompting discussion on the following matters/concerns;

- How is the AGM defined in the constitution, is there the need for an add-on note in the constitution regarding face to face versus virtual meetings?
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- Proxy voting – given that it only takes a 2/3 majority in an in person meeting to pass a motion on dissolution, could this result hypothetically, in members voting to wind up the club, and the not inconsiderable assets being split amongst members? Could therefore, proxy voting include a wider range of voters and potentially prevent this. Face to face discussions do however, enable voters to hear arguments on either side.
- Reference was made to 4.14 in the constitution that the decision of the Committee on the interpretation of the constitution, its rules and policies is final.

Note - The constitution is not being amended at this time, as it is considered suitable for our needs. The meeting was reminded that constitutional changes can, and have to be proposed in advance, for consideration by the AGM. The committee had reviewed the legal status of the club and recommended that we remain an Unincorporated Association. This is to be reviewed by 2028 or sooner, if circumstances change.

Nigel B, our outgoing President wished to thank all of those who enable the club to run smoothly. Thanks was given to Nigel for his immense hard work as President and organiser of zoom meetings.

- **Treasurer's Report** (see reports circulated)

Roger L raised some seeming anomalies regarding subs from 2021 to 2023. Hut fees on away meets and the work on Tyr W prompted discussion. This was clarified in the following points;

1. 2021 – a discount was offered, due to covid, and the subs total (approx £3000) only actually represents half of the subs
2. Members have traditionally paid subs anywhere from December, to February and this has affected, into which year, these payments have been attributed.
3. Moving forwards, Go Cardless has, and will, eliminate this anomaly as the payment is taken in the New Year
(Michael H, membership secretary, implored members to use the Go-Cardless system as so much easier to use and reduced workload).
4. Annually, subs amount to approximately £6000
5. Hut fees are increasingly coming through the Oread Bank Account, although different meet leaders may organise payments slightly

differently. Sometimes Oread MC does stand a loss in paying out for some meets.

6. TYr W improvements so far, approximately £9000 damp, £3000 flooring + the glass panel raising of the balustrade.
 7. Insurance for both huts increased
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 9. Helen Lane was reappointed as Examiner of Accounts.
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- **Approval of 2022 accounts** – this was passed Simon Pape proposer, seconded by Stuart Firth
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- **Tan yr Wyddfa HC report**

Questions were raised regarding the consultation from the Welsh government, which may result in a registration fee (based on the number of beds) for campsites/hostels and other holiday accommodation. The following points were made;

- The consultation document was vague.
- The BMC encouraged clubs to respond (by 17th March) which we have done.
- Thanks were given to Dave H + others for the work that has gone into the hut so far. The damp seems to be dealt with and currently, exterior insulation is being investigated for the property, including planning required. This will reduce exterior maintenance in the future.

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- **Heathy Lea HC report**

There is still about 30 years left on the lease for the adjacent Severn Trent building, we don't know what, if any, its eventual use will be. The barn roof has been damaged and a party wall is being constructed between the barn and ST building, but although progress is slow, the barn should be in a much better condition afterwards.

- Any Questions from members, on the reports?

Mostly covered as we went along.

Regarding membership, the issue of numbers of active members and that of younger members was discussed, the following points were made;

1. Some members are more active and some less so, for a variety of reasons, there is no specific data on this.
2. It would create a lot of work to start sending out questionnaires to ask members about what they would like to get out of the club (unless someone want to volunteer to do this) and is this degree of analysis necessary?
3. David Mason made the point that many younger people will organise their activities through the internet/social media etc, rather than via the club, but would be attracted by meets where more experienced

members offer their skills and expertise - the recent Dry Tooling and Self Rescue courses are good examples of this.

- **Election of officers.** The following nominations have been received:
 - President: Jan Wilson
 - 1. Vice President: Nigel Briggs
 - 2. General Secretary: Pip Leach
 - 3. Membership Secretary: Michael Hayes
 - 4. Treasurer: Janet Briggs
 - 5. Hut Bookings Secretary: Michael Hayes
 - 6. Hut Custodian Heathy Lea: Chris Wilson
 - 7. Hut Custodian Tan yr Wyddfa: Dave Helliwell
 - 8. Meets Secretary: Michael Moss
 - 9. Communications Officer: Ruth Gordon
 - 10. Additional Committee Members: Dave Mason, Simon Pape, Emma Hayes
 - 11. Heathy Lea Hut Committee: Chris Wilson, Michael Hayes, Steve McDonagh, Pam Storer, Mike Wren
 - 12. Tan yr Wyddfa Hut Committee: Dave Helliwell, Dave Appleby, Chris Eyre, Roy Eyre, Ruth Gordon, Derek Pike, Pam Storer.

These nominations were not contested and passed en bloc, proposed by Brian West, seconded by Paul Gardiner

Jan W introduced herself as the new president, reflecting upon the changes she has seen in the club over the years, but the common theme being that of getting into the mountains. Jan paid tribute to Nigel as the outgoing president and looked forward to the exciting celebrations of the 75th anniversary of the club, next year.

The meeting closed at 9:00 pm

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